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The teachers should strengthen the connection with the students' knowledge and skills to enhance their learning. Mathematics education of teachers' professional knowledge follows Shulman's seminal idea about pedagogical content knowledge (PCK)(Shulman, 1986). Shulman introduced that pedagogical content knowledge inflects pupil's learning. PCK assumes teachers' ability to design effective instruction and skills to contribute students' learning (Hill, H., Ball, D. L., & Schilling, G. , 2008). Ball et al. (2008) have pioneered the consideration of Mathematical Knowledge for Teaching [MKT]. MKT is an analytical tool to measure teachers' mathematical knowledge. Many researchers considered MKT to study mathematics teachers' knowledge in order to improve their teaching and promote students' effectiveness. Most of the primary teachers in Taiwan do not major in mathematics or science, but they all have to teach mathematics even the teachers possess weak abilities in mathematics teaching. So they have to make plans to improve their teaching of mathematics. A teacher professional learning community [PLC] should effectively operate through sharing, teaching resources, professional dialogues, and collaboration to reduce pupil's learning achievement gap and make teaching close to their learning experiences through providing suitable learning scaffoldings. The powerful experience has happened in the class, through sharing, teaching reflection that can help teachers to improve their teaching and belief (Putnam & Borko, 2000). Many Taiwan teachers lack sound mathematical understanding and skills. Teaching as learning, in practice (Lave, 1996). They need to have more supports and resources for improving their teaching.

Recently, teacher PLC is a support community to help teachers grow in their teaching practice. The partners have the same demands in the PLC. When teachers have identified with PLC, they need to improve their curriculum, teaching and students' learning that is the correct teaching development (Stigler & Hiebert, 1997). Teachers need to know how promote students to achieve and what conditions are most likely to facilitate their mathematical learning. A teacher PLC should effectively operate through sharing, teaching resources to assess their teaching for understanding, students' ability and learning. According to the framework of the MKT (Hill, Ball, & Schilling, 2008), they would lead to greater understanding of the constructs of

1 mathematical knowledge for teaching. The study discussed teachers'
2 knowledge using the MKT framework in the PLC. In the PLC, teachers prepare
3 to preserve programs and share their teaching and resources to develop
4 teachers' professional ability for achievement. The past study, research
5 collected qualitative data, which include PLC meeting videos, lesson
6 observation sheets, interviews, and learning feedbacks, are analyzed and
7 triangulated by the researchers and other mathematics educators. The research
8 question is as follows: What kind of teachers' change in Mathematical
9 Knowledge for Teaching [MKT] do the members of a primary school teacher
10 PLC have? We hope to get some suggestions for teachers how to facilitate their
11 teaching effectively in the PLC.

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14 **Literature Review**

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16 **Mathematical knowledge for teaching [MKT]**

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18 Shulman (1986, 1987) defines PCK with seven domains including content
19 knowledge, knowledge of subject matter, knowledge of educational aims, goals
20 and purposes, knowledge of other content, general pedagogical knowledge,
21 knowledge of learners, and curriculum knowledge. PCK was explained in two
22 dimensions. First, it characterizes teacher knowledge containing teachers'
23 representation of ideas, the ability to help students connect mathematics ideas
24 (e.g., Ball 1988; Stein et al. 1990). Second, PCK discusses a teacher's
25 understanding to know student's common preconceptions and misconceptions
26 in different ages and backgrounds. PCK is canonical on developing a deeper
27 understanding of the teacher's content knowledge and pedagogical knowledge.

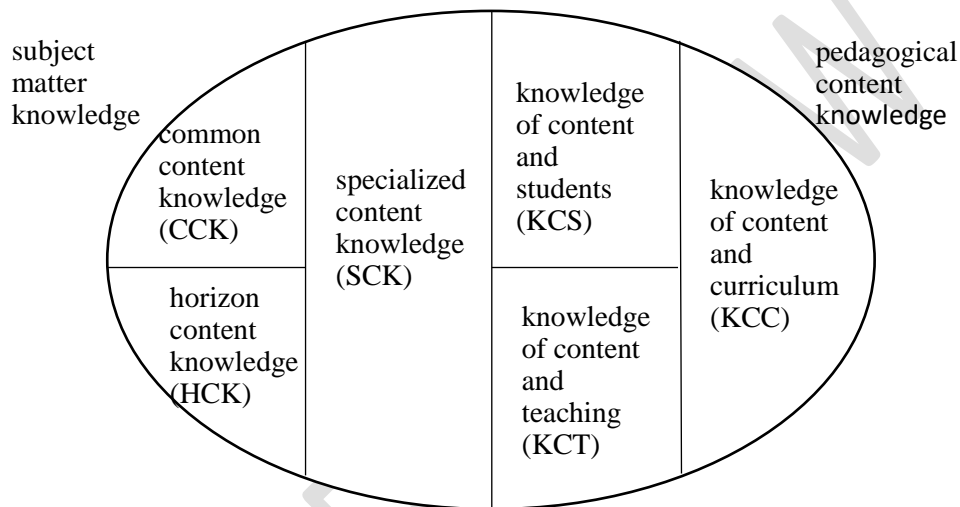
28 Ball et al. (2008, p.399) define MKT as a theory that encapsulates
29 mathematical knowledge needed to perform the recurring tasks of teaching
30 mathematics noting that they have adopted a flexible conception of "needs"
31 that allows for the perspective, habits of mind, and sensibilities that matter for
32 the effective teaching of the content.

33 "Mathematics Knowledge for Teaching" [MKT] assesses the knowledge by
34 teachers in their teaching process, which includes pedagogical content
35 knowledge and subject matter knowledge in the construct of mathematical
36 knowledge for teaching (Hill et al. 2007) That is, knowledge of how making

1 mathematical understanding of students and knowledge of students' conception
 2 and misconceptions (Shulman 1986). The relationship between pedagogical
 3 content knowledge and subject matter knowledge can be seen in Figure 1. The
 4 concept of MKT appears by studying records in mathematics teaching, and
 5 identifying teachers' mathematical knowledge, reasoning, and insight (Ball and
 6 Bass 2003a; Ball et al. 2005).

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8 *Figure 1.* Domain map for Mathematical Knowledge for Teaching (Ball, et al.,
 9 2008)



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12 Loughran, Mulhall, and Berry (2012) explain that PCK builds on teachers'
 13 personal experiences and conceptions- particular expertise with individual
 14 idiosyncrasies and important differences that are influenced by the teaching
 15 experience, content, and context. Thames, Sleep, Bass, and Bill (2008) defined
 16 MKT as a practice-based theory that encapsulates the mathematical knowledge
 17 needed to perform the recurrent tasks of teaching mathematics. There are six
 18 portions of the oval that is a proposed standard of MKT. The right side
 19 associates with Shulman's proposed PCK that contains KCS, KCT and KCC.
 20 KCS is content knowledge intertwined with knowledge of how students think
 21 about, know, learn mathematical knowledge content. The teachers can be
 22 diagnosed with students' errors as a partial or a complete explanation for
 23 selecting their answer for mathematical reasoning (Hill et al., 2008). KCS is
 24 the teacher's ability to know how making better design a lesson and foresee
 25 possible alternative conceptions of students and plan how to help them go past
 26 those conceptions requires substantial knowledge of the students. Teachers

1 know what works for students and support the development of their
2 understanding (Chua, 2018). KCT is the knowledge of content and teaching
3 that is teaching design in practices and combines knowing about students and
4 mathematics. KCT for proof includes strategies of representing, explaining, or
5 connecting proof ideas and responding to students' contributions (Leaaieg,
6 K.2016). KCC is the knowledge of content and curriculum that describes close
7 Shulman's conception of curriculum knowledge. The left side is the subject
8 matter knowledge that is divided into common content knowledge (CCK),
9 specialized content knowledge (SCK), and horizon content knowledge (HCK).
10 CCK is intrinsically defined as the mathematical knowledge and skill that is
11 used in many other professions or occupations for mathematics. CCK is
12 meaning pure mathematical knowledge (Carrillo, et al., 2011). CCK includes
13 recognizing proof through which mathematical knowledge is verified,
14 established and communicated (Leaaieg, K.2016). SCK allows teachers to
15 work in particular teaching tasks, including how to accurately represent
16 mathematical ideas, provide mathematical explanations for common rules,
17 procedures, examine and understand unusual solution methods to problems
18 (Ball et al., 2005). HCK means an awareness of the relationship between
19 mathematics topics and curriculum. The MKT measures teachers' ability to use
20 mathematical knowledge in practice and teaching processes. The six domains
21 of the MKT are important tools that allow scholars to study factors of how
22 various professional development activities can help develop it. The research
23 on MKT is used to provide a powerful tool for evaluating knowledge used by
24 mathematics teachers in their practice (ETS Praxis, 2011).

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Professional Learning Community

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29 The PLC means the core task of formal education that is deep learning, not
30 teaching (DuFour, 2004; Hargreaves, 2007). Stoll et al. (2006, p. 5) define the
31 PLC is an inclusive group of people, motivated by a shared learning vision,
32 supporting and working with each other, finding ways, inside and outside their
33 direct community, examining on their practice and together learning new and
34 better approaches that will enhance all pupils' learning". Kruse, Louis, and
35 Bryk (1995) consider characters of the PLC that include: (1) Reflective
36 dialogue that helps teachers improve and promote teaching discussion. (2)

1 Focus on student learning that is a goal of PLC's activities to improve students'
2 learning. (3) Interaction among teachers or deprivation of practice that can
3 engage teachers in sharing ideas, learning and helping. (4) Collaboration that is
4 happening when teachers share their teaching strategies, skills and growth. (5)
5 Shared values and norms: partners reach a consensus for mission, value and
6 specifications to build their professional behavior. Teachers need appropriate
7 environments for their professional growth (Hord, 1997; 2004). PLCs should
8 be a place where the principal and teachers are all learners and distributed
9 leadership positively (Hargreaves & Fink, 2006). Teachers have the
10 responsibility to promote their teaching skills and students' achievement. The
11 shared personal practice contributes to the development of teachers'
12 professional learning and supports a professional learning community (Hord,
13 1997; Pickering, Daly & Pachler, 2007). To achieve this shared purpose,
14 participants are encouraged to be involved in the process of developing a clear
15 vision how their collaboration must contribute to their students' learning and
16 effective teaching. They build collective leadership and commitments that
17 clarify the responsibility of teacher's contributions to their teaching and
18 student's learning. Stylianides (2007) suggests that teachers' strong
19 mathematical knowledge for teaching proof be able to structure opportunities
20 through arguments and proofs for their students. In order to help teachers
21 improve their weak teaching skills and mathematical knowledge understanding.
22 As through the PLC's operation, teachers need to construct mathematical
23 proofs. The PLC is a continuous improvement process and makes teacher keep
24 on growing teaching. Teachers are not lonely again because partinars will help
25 each other and solve teaching problems in the classroom.

26 The broadening reaserch on PLC is used to provide more information
27 about making MKT a powerful tool for evaluating teachers' mathematical
28 knowledge. The element of MKT framework specializes in the work of
29 teaching practices. The MKT measure that represents classroom, school
30 process and teachers' ability to use mathematical knowledge in the classroom
31 practice (University of Michigan, 2008). The MKT framework may be
32 described in three ways: (1) as open-ended discussion which allow for the
33 exploration of teachers' reasoning about mathematics and students' thinking;
34 (2) as materials that are used to inform teachers' professional development; (3)
35 as examples of what the mathematical knowledge teacher have to use in
36 teaching (Fauskanger, Jakobsen, Mosvold, & Bjuland, 2012). However, there

1 has been little research focused on examining how teachers' MKT is
2 operationalized in the PLC.

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Methodology

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7 The study utilized a qualitative study design that described three teachers'
8 knowledge of MKT in the PLC for the last three years. The research subjects
9 were three primary school teachers in Taiwan. Table 1 presents their
10 background information and pseudonyms. All subject teachers earned Master's
11 degree, but no one majored in mathematics or science. Their teaching
12 experiences are ranged from 15 to 18 years. The teacher PLC had operated for
13 three years while a professor was invited to guide partners improving their
14 teaching. The propose of this study discussed, participants in the PLC what
15 teachers' knowledge of MKT for last 3 years. Subject teachers had dialogue
16 and discussion for teaching 6~8 times and choose teach a lesson every semester.
17 The study was designed to capture a set of qualitative of teachers' mathematics
18 knowledge for interviews, lesson observation sheets, reflection and teaching
19 feedbacks.

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21 *Table 1.* Background Information of Participants

Pseudonyms	Gender	Education	Background	Teaching Subject	Teaching Years
AT	Female	M.Ed.	D.P.E	Chinese, Mathematics	18
BT	Female	M.Ed.	Teacher class	Chinese, Mathematics	17
CT	Female	C.A.C.S.	Finance	Chinese, Mathematics	15

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Data Collection

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Shulman (1986) proposes that teaching requires unique subject-matter-related knowledge, classroom observation became a primary method used to explore this idea. Because the study have discussed the

1 participants' professional development for the last three years. The data
2 sources included PLC meeting videos, lesson observation sheets, interviews,
3 and teaching feedback, are analyzed and triangulated by the researchers and
4 other mathematics educators. Before teaching, each teacher in the PLC needs
5 to interview lesson design ideas, how to teach and assess students' learning.
6 Other teachers shared their teaching, skills and resources, advised the teacher
7 more ideas to teach. PLC meeting and classroom observation were video
8 recording and transcribed verbatim. Semi-structure interview is widely used in
9 qualitative research. All data can provide limited insight into teachers' MKT,
10 four different types of semi-structured interviews were executed to understand
11 what teachers know and reasons for their teaching actions: (1) background
12 interview- participants ask questions related to their teaching backgrounds,
13 teaching design and mathematical knowledge; (2) pre-observation
14 interview-focus on teachers' planning of the lesson to be observed; (3) post-
15 observation interview-understand each teacher's reflection on the lesson; (4)
16 teaching feedbacks-the participants revisit the lesson and issue the reasons for
17 their teaching decisions and process. The pre-observation and post- observation
18 interviews are carried out in combination with each observation.

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20 **Data Analysis**

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22 In order to capture the nature and dynamic process of the MKT
23 components in the PLC for the last three years, data were analyzed through two
24 approaches: (1) in-depth analysis of the explicit MKT (Thames, Sleep, Bass,
25 and Bll, 2008); (2) analysis of the MKT elements of teachers' change process.
26 Gencturk (2012) indicates the teachers' MKT improved and increased
27 efficiently change in the quality of their interview, lesson design, mathematical
28 agenda, task choices, and classroom situation. According to the analysis of
29 interview, observation and PLC meeting data that reveal teachers' beliefs,
30 mathematical knowledge, teaching skills, and instructional practices. In-depth
31 analysis of explicit MKT, we first identified the documents from video
32 recording and interview, a detailed description of MKT what the teacher did
33 and how many times the MKT components appear. The data were used to
34 answer the first research question. Then we analyze the MKT elements of
35 teachers' change process in the PLC for the last three years. This method
36 assesses the relative extent to which teachers talk about different aspects of the

1 MKT framework within each teacher's data set. In order to integrate the
2 process of the MKT components in a clear way, we adopt an enumerative
3 approach through the in-depth analysis of the explicit MKT (LeCompte &
4 Preissle, 1993). Every MKT component was identified in all of the six portions
5 that the mathematical knowledge needed to perform the recurrent tasks of
6 teaching mathematics. The data were coded by two authors to establish the
7 reliability of parsing MKT coding. Inter-rater reliability was achieved that all
8 agreements were resolved through discussion. This analysis provided direction
9 for further qualitative analysis and supported the identification of the topic
10 through the PLC activities.

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Results

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15 Identification of the MKT domain classification

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17 Having profiled the theoretical and empirical basis for MKT, we
18 developed the notion further for the proposed measurement. Table 2 shows one
19 to three items from the MKT six domains that each item was defined (Hill et al.
20 2008, Ball et al. 2008). Throughout the early conceptualization of these items
21 that we discussed how to classify the MKT items. We adopted the
22 classification to measure a teacher's development work and a basis for future
23 discussions about the nature of the teacher's knowledge (Hill et al. 2008).
24 Knowledge of content and students (KCS) combines knowing about students
25 and mathematics. When the teacher chooses the examples, he needs to predict
26 students' ability and assign the task, whether they will find it easy or hard. In
27 order to analyze the teachers' KCS, we define that teachers can intertwine with
28 knowledge of how students think about, know, learn mathematical knowledge
29 content (KCS-1) and foresee possible alternative conceptions of
30 students(KCS-2). Knowledge of content and teaching (KCT) combines about
31 teaching and mathematics. Teachers design the mathematical task that requires
32 mathematical knowledge for sequence particular content for instruction and
33 evaluate the representations used to teach specific idea and identify different
34 methods and procedures. KCT separate the third components: KCT-1 means the
35 teacher decides begin of teaching and learning sequence, KCT-2 evaluates the
36 quality of the mathematical presentation, and KCT-3 identify different

1 mathematical solution. KCC-1 means that teacher connect the knowledge of
 2 content and curriculum. The common content knowledge (CCK) define it as
 3 the mathematical knowledge and skills when the teacher writes on the board
 4 that he need to use correctly terms and notations. From our data as shown in
 5 Table 2, we indicate that CCK-1 means pure mathematical knowledge and
 6 CCK-2 diagnose students' wrong answer. SCK is the mathematical knowledge
 7 and skills unique to teach. The teacher look for the students' error pattern and
 8 misconceptions. So SCK-1 is used to analyze students' misconceptions and
 9 SCK-2 accurately represent mathematical ideas and provide mathematical
 10 explanations for common rules. HCK means an awareness of the relationship
 11 in mathematics topics and curriculum.

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13 *Table 2. MKT's Domain Classification*

MKT		domain	items	content
PCK	KCS	KCS-1	Intertwine with knowledge of how students think about, know, learn mathematical knowledge content	
		KCS-2	Foresee possible alternative conceptions of students	
	KCT	KCT-1	Decide begin of teaching and learning sequence	
		KCT-2	Evaluate the quality of the mathematical presentation	
		KCT-3	Identify different mathematical solution	
	KCC	KCC-1	Connect the knowledge of content and curriculum	
SMK	CCK	CCK-1	Pure mathematical knowledge	
		CCK-2	Diagnose students' wrong answer	
	SCK	SCK-1	Analyze students' misconceptions	
		SCK-2	Accurately represent mathematical ideas and provide mathematical explanations for common rules	
	HCK	HCK-1	Relationship in mathematics topics and curriculum	

14 Source: Hill et al. 2008.

1 Our analysis of the MKT map expressed in the radar chart that revealed
2 the participant's MKT for the last three year and process. The MKT map
3 showed the MKT's domain classification that had a clear vision of the
4 participants. The teachers' MKT map presented their professional development
5 in the PLC that were summarized in Figures 2 to 4. Each teacher's MKT was
6 composed of the frequency for three years. Each item was evident in the
7 subsequent data that we could find out each teacher's teaching change process
8 in the PLC. Even each teacher's MKT map differed for their teaching and
9 participation in the PLC. We could realize the teachers keep on change through
10 the PLC's sharing and diagnose teaching skills, mathematical knowledge to
11 promote individual teacher's professional development. Besides, we could
12 diagnose the teachers' weak ability which items could help them to improve
13 their teaching. The analysis was presented to the participants who could realize
14 how to promote their mathematics teaching and correct mathematical
15 misconceptions.

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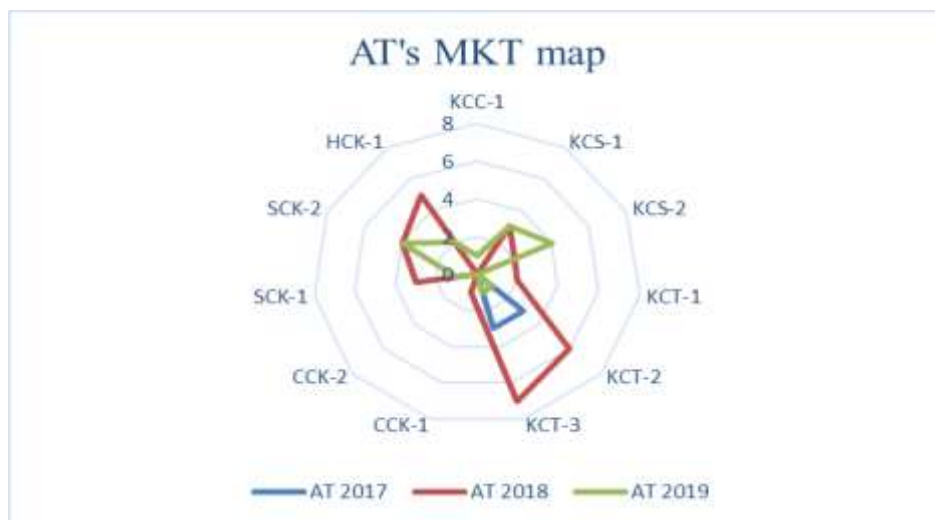
17 **Collectiing and using data to prove our classification**

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19 The study collected three participants in the PLC in order to study teachers'
20 mathematical teaching. We argued the six domains of the MKT that could help
21 us to discuss teachers' mathematical knowledge and teaching skills. All data
22 proved whether teachers' growth in our measure is sensitive to their teaching
23 about how students learn mathematics. In the PLC, teachers examined students'
24 computational work for errors, conceptions, explained those errors, and
25 discussed how they remedy them in teaching. They described which problems
26 students used to solve various types of problems and viewed in students
27 solving problems and examined their work.

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1 *Figure 2. AT's MKT Map during the Years 2017-2019*

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4 At is a grades 1-2 teacher. At the beginning of the PLC, AT's data was
 5 more focused on KCT-2 and KCT-3. KCT is the knowledge of content and
 6 teaching that is teaching design in practices and combines knowing about
 7 students and mathematics. In 2018, she was aware of her teaching insufficient
 8 that she evaluated the quality of the mathematical presentation (KCT-2),
 9 identified different mathematical solutions (KCT-3), analyzed students'
 10 misconceptions (SCK-1), accurately represented mathematical ideas and
 11 provided mathematical explanations for common rules (SCK-2) and
 12 relationship in mathematics topics and curriculum (HCK). AT has a clear
 13 vision of the PLC lens that helped her know how to improve her teaching. In
 14 the third year, AT focused on intertwining with knowledge of how students
 15 think about, know, learn mathematical knowledge content (KCS-1), foresee
 16 possible alternative conceptions of students (KCS-2) and accurately
 17 represented mathematical ideas and provide mathematical explanations for
 18 common rules.

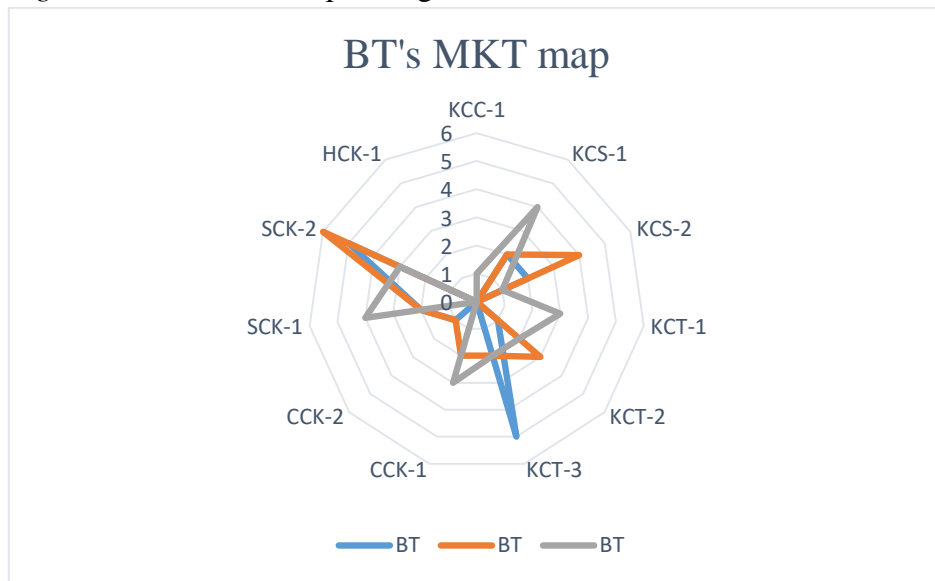
19 In AT's reflection, because she had mathematics problems in practice, she
 20 would find out solutions to help students. AT tried to use more mathematical
 21 presentations in practice and students were engaged in activities in which they
 22 made the observation, counting activity, problem posing and compared those
 23 results with mathematical conceptions. For example, AT taught the topic of
 24 "time" using the real clock and calendar that help the students to realize the
 25 conception of "time". In order to make the students mathematical
 26 understanding of geometry, AT designed to understand the meaning of

1 operations that illustrated in a three-layer box through stacking blocks,
2 stratification and drawing out the picture in their vision. We discussed her
3 teaching progress and students' performance that the result was shown. Most
4 students could draw each layer box and counted the total box that could help
5 the students understand which part of the layer box was not seen. Some
6 students cut different directions in longitudinal sections or cross-sections, but
7 they could find out the same results. The results showed the proofs for KCT-2,
8 KCT-3. Evidence of KCT often took the form of teachers describing specific
9 teaching strategies. AT shared her teaching idea that could make students
10 understanding how to find out the invisible box and try to count every box in
11 the second graders. Those proofs of KCS were shown. AT would like to
12 challenge when she had a difficult task. For example, she shared her ideas in
13 which they measured the classroom's window length in the first grade,
14 explanation by students what they thought and measurement methods.
15 Evidence of AT focused on intertwine with knowledge of how students think
16 about, know, learn mathematical knowledge content (KCS-1), foresee possible
17 alternative conceptions of students (KCS-2) and accurately represented
18 mathematical ideas and provide mathematical explanations for common rules.
19 One student could not find out the invisible box that AT used stacking blocks
20 to help her to see and understand how many boxes in this figure. These
21 discussions elicited both CCK-2 and SCK-1. In the PLC, she discussed the
22 elements of mathematical teaching ideas, skills and students' representation
23 made visible.

24 BT was a grades 4~6 teacher. She had positive attitude toward
25 participating in the PLC. She would like to share her mathematical teaching
26 idea and students' misconceptions to help her solve mathematical teaching
27 problems. BT used more representations in mathematical teaching.

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1 *Figure 3. BT's MKT Map during the Years 2017-2019*

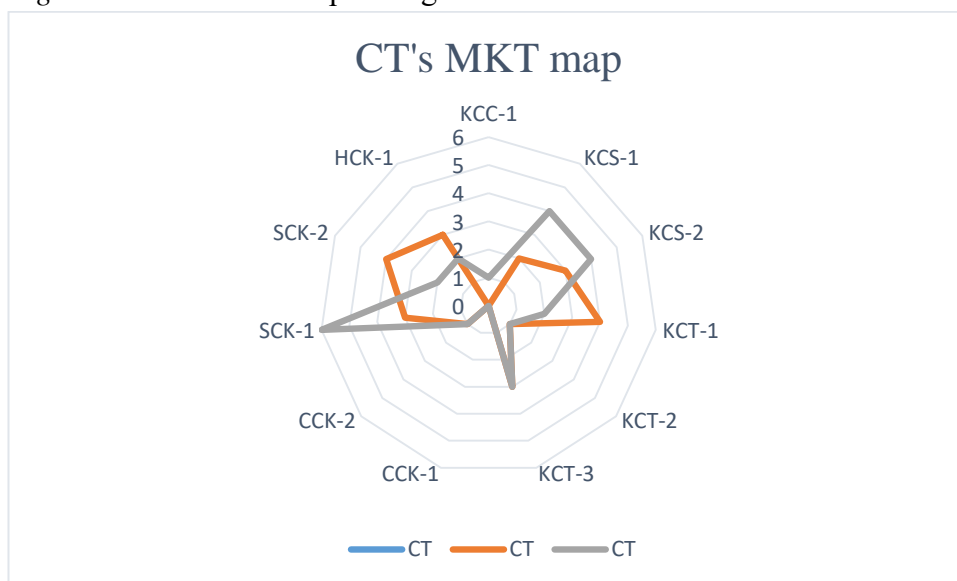


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4 In 2017, BT showed SCK-2, KCT-3, KCS-1 and KCS-2. Before teaching,
 5 BT used to consider her students' mathematical conceptions to design
 6 curriculum and teaching materials. That matches SCK-2. In the second year,
 7 BT invested continuously in foreseeing possible alternative conceptions of
 8 students (KCS-2), accurately represent mathematical ideas and provided
 9 mathematical explanations for common rules (SCK-2) and evaluated the
 10 quality of the mathematical presentation (KCT-2). BT improved her quality of
 11 teaching and her students realized. The students reflected BT's improvement of
 12 teaching skills and understood the students' misconceptions and
 13 preconceptions. BT's teaching made the students enjoy mathematical learning
 14 and promoted their achievement for three years. This conclusion encouraged
 15 participants invest in the PLC's activities on their initiative. They realized that
 16 teachers must be to understand the problems in students' learning to improve
 17 teaching.

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1 *Figure 4. CT's MKT Map during the Years 2017-2019*

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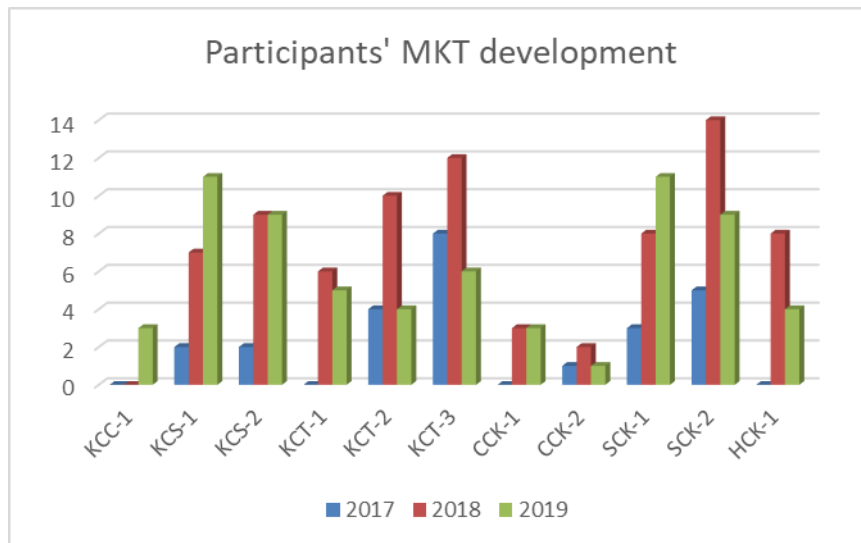
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4 CT was mobilized to this school in 2018, hence she just had two years in
 5 the PLC. CT effectively has invested in sharing her teaching, correct
 6 mathematics errors and richness of the mathematics. CT's map (Figure 4)
 7 revealed that CT paid attention to accurately represent mathematical ideas and
 8 provided mathematical explanations with common rules (SCK-2), analyzed
 9 students' misconceptions (SCK-1), decided to begin teaching and learning
 10 sequence (KCT-1), evaluated the quality of the mathematical presentation
 11 (KCT-2) and relationship in mathematics topics and curriculum (HCK) in 2018.
 12 CT showed more presentations of SCK-1, KCS-1, KCS-2, KCT-3 that revealed
 13 CT's understanding of mathematics teaching and willingness to change her
 14 teaching mind to prove the teaching practices. SCK-1 had the most amount of
 15 the MKT elements. For example, CT analyzed students' misconceptions in
 16 counting as shown below: students counted three numbers forward and
 17 backward: 20, □ 22. Someone could not find out □ what the number is. CT
 18 used number cards to help the first gradrs understand counting number forward
 19 and backward. The proof showed her KCT-1. CT tried to analyze students'
 20 misconceptions (SCK-1) and use different mathematical solutions (KCT-3) to
 21 clear students' misconceptions. Those helped her identify correct mathematical
 22 knowledge. Before teaching, CT would intertwine with knowledge of how
 23 students think about, know, learn mathematical knowledge content (KCS-1)
 24 and foresee possible alternative conceptions of students (KCS-2). She prepared

1 to understand students' mathematical knowledge background to choose her
2 teaching beginning and curriculum. Even CT only had participated in the PLC
3 for two years, she kept moving on developing her teacher professional growth
4 and changing her mind to improve mathematical teaching.

5 In teaching progress, we found that teacher's MKT was determined by
6 their mathematical knowledge and students' learning. This present study also
7 empirically supported the assertions by showing those three teachers. As
8 shown in Figures 2 to 4, AT, BT, CT demonstrated a more coherently
9 structured MKT map for three years. According to Figure 5, all of the items of
10 participants' MKT development were increased. Evidenced in codes for PLC
11 meetings, classroom teaching and learning, occurred in HCK-1, SCK-1-2,
12 KCT-1-3, and KCS-1-2. The reason the teachers shared their mathematical
13 problems in the PLC, the expert teacher and professor had advises and
14 resources to help them, they accepted their suggestions then tried those
15 strategies in teaching later. After they tried and tested, the suggestions were
16 proved to be effective. The teachers showed their reflectiions and the students
17 made progress. The professor and expert teacher encouraged the participants
18 to keep on trying different mathematical knowledge and teaching skills. Figure
19 4 showed the participants' MKT development for three years. At the beginning
20 of the PLC, the discourse was mainly related to SCK-1, SCK-2,KCT-2,
21 KCT-3 and CCK-1. It reveals that the participants ought to be energized in
22 SCK, KCT, CCK and the PLC activities should be specially arranged in these
23 aspects. After the continuous professional dialogue and teaching practices, the
24 teacher's KCC-1, KCS-1-2, KCT-1-3, SCK-1-2, HCK-1 are improved most
25 significantly, which also promotes the change of the teachers' teaching skills
26 and student learning achievements. It was contributed to the teacher
27 professional development.

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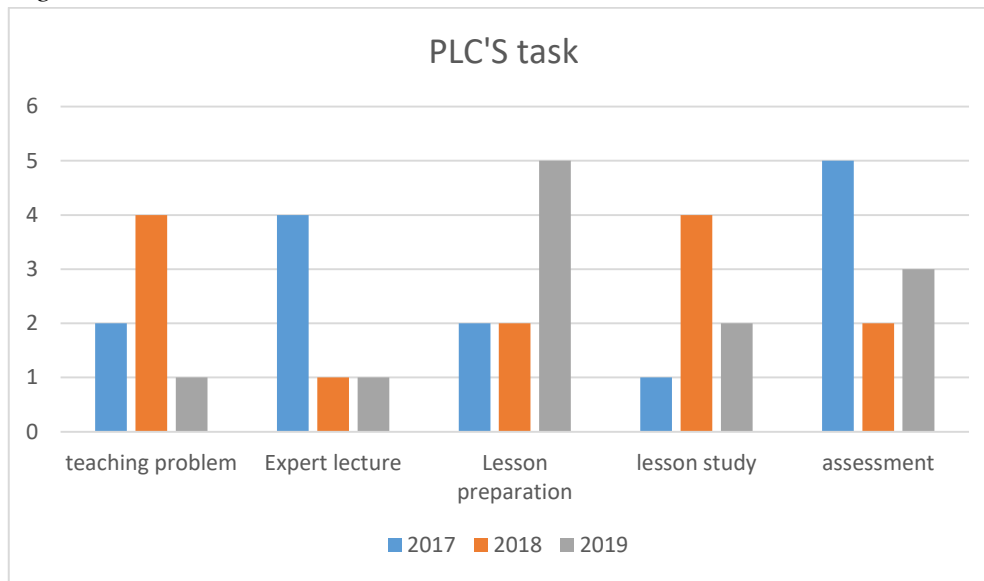
1 *Figure 5. Participants' MKT Development*

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4 As shown in Figure 6, there were five tasks in the PLC, the tasks included
 5 teaching problem, expert lecture, lesson preparation, the lesson study and
 6 assessment. Because MKT's framework contains the teachers' teaching idea
 7 and mathematical knowledge, so assessment is considered in this study. At the
 8 beginning of the PLC, the professor and expert teacher provided expert lectures
 9 to rich the teachers' mathematical knowledge and backgrounds. The teachers'
 10 mathematical foundations would be set up, because they did not major in
 11 science or mathematics. Then the teachers revealed their mathematical
 12 problems in the classroom, professor and expert teacher diagnosed the
 13 mathematical errors, corrected mathematical knowledge and presented teaching
 14 skills to help the participants to understand how to teach. The participants tried
 15 the new methods and correct their mathematical knowledge in practice. Their
 16 students were making more progress and like mathematics more. The
 17 researchers have used MKT framework to assess the teachers' mathematical
 18 knowledge during classroom teaching and develop in teacher preparation
 19 programs (Stylianides & Ball, 2008; Steele & Rogers, 2012; Stylianides
 20 2009). The former study was empirically grounded in PLC and investigated the
 21 MKT of proof (Lesseig, 2016).

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1 *Figure 6. PLC's Task*

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4 In order to verify the teachers' MKT development, we through the lesson
 5 preparation and the lesson study to understand the teacher's idea and teaching
 6 skills. At the beginning of the semester, all participants shared their lesson
 7 preparations, curriculum, and mathematical skills. These tasks could help
 8 teachers sort out their mathematical knowledge, teaching progress and evaluate
 9 students' learning tools. Lesson study is a common method in promoting
 10 teacher professional development. Through lesson study, it will prove the
 11 effectiveness of teachers' lesson design, teaching and students' learning. More
 12 empirical studies in the PLC are needed to understand mathematical teaching
 13 orientations concerning MKT components and the whole construct of MKT in
 14 the context of teaching practice. Our PLC tasks provided efficient strategies to
 15 promote teachers' professional development.

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18 Discussion

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20 This study adopts a qualitative research method to investigate the change
 21 of participants' MKT of a primary school teacher PLC. The results show that
 22 PLC may help teachers improve their MKT. Shulman introduced that
 23 pedagogical content knowledge inflect pupil's learning. PCK assume teachers'
 24 ability to design effective instruction and skills to contribute to students'
 25 learning (Hill, Ball, & Schilling, 2008). Utilizing the in-depth discourse within
 the PLC meetings, collaborative lesson preparation, peer lesson observation,

1 and analyzing exam items, the participants could transfer, the sharing resources
2 to their own teaching practices, and manage to learn actively. In Taiwan, many
3 teachers are not majoring in science and mathematics. They used to use Ebook
4 by the curriculum vendor to teach mathematics. Teachers have weak abilities in
5 lesson design and mathematical knowledge. In order to promote teachers'
6 efficient ations in mathematical teaching, we adopted the tasks including
7 teaching problem, expert lecture, lesson preparation, lesson study and
8 assessment. At the beginning of the PLC, the discourse was mainly related to
9 the teacher's Knowledge of Content and Curriculum (KCC) and Knowledge of
10 Content and Teaching (KCT). It reveals that the participants ought to be
11 energized in KCC and KCT, and the PLC activities should be specially
12 arranged in these two aspects. After the continuous professional dialogue and
13 teaching practices, the teacher's KCC, Knowledge of Content and Student
14 (KCS), and Special Content Knowledge (SCK) are improved most significantly,
15 which also promote the student learning achievements. This suggestion has
16 been supported by other empirical studies (e.g., Hill, Ball, & Schilling, 2008).
17 The most useful forms of representation of those ideas, the most powerful
18 analogies, illustrations, examples, explanations, and demonstrations (Shulman,
19 1986b, p. 7). As shown in BT's MKT map, she held a strong didactic direction
20 to support Shulman's study. In this issue, the MKT map approach was
21 developed that could explore various research questions about MKT. The MKT
22 map can be used as a reflection tool to identify which components they need to
23 improve for teaching more effectively. Through the PLC, teachers have more
24 partners to share their teaching idea and solve their mathematical teaching
25 problems practice. We have more data to realize teachers' MKT map that can
26 explore more directly concerning mathematical knowledge domains. The result
27 can suggest the orientations to the participants' professional development.

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30 **Conclusions**

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32 From the result of our analysis of the MKT map, we have several
33 conclusions. First, PLC is helpful for teachers to promote their teaching.
34 Through the PLC, teachers were diagnosed by other participants, they focused
35 on teaching skills and correctly mathematical knowledge to help them solve
36 problems in practice. Second, SCK-2 was a max item that reveals the

1 participants would like to accurately represent mathematical ideas and provide
2 mathematical explanations for common rules. Teachers would like to change
3 their minds on mathematics teaching and discuss how to achieve effective
4 teaching, even not in the PLC period that shows collaboration happening to
5 participants. Third, we discuss three teachers participating in the PLC for three
6 years. If there are more participants in the PLC, they share the same vision to
7 improve mathematical teaching that can elevate other primary school teachers.
8 If the research methods can explore more PLC, it must be help for more
9 teachers in teaching mathematics. Forth, the PLC operation will be work that
10 suggests participants including professors or professional except teachers. The
11 professor can provide more resources, mathematical knowledge and theories to
12 help other participants' development. In summary, our study seggests MKT
13 map prove theoretically productive and empirical studies to help more
14 mathematics teachers. The result informs our understanding of the MKT map
15 in practice and influence teacher professional development in the PLC.

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